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1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 2 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
see annex
- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid

2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

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3. ☐ Claim(s) No(s) have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-12

Apparatus for creating an image

2. Claims: 13-16

Apparatus for applying material to a substrate

The feature common to all claims 1-16 is a brush means.
Brush means is commonly known.

Therefore the common feature is not a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence, since it makes no contribution over the prior art.

Since no other common feature exists which can be considered as a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence, no technical relationship within the meaning of PCT Rule 13 between the different inventions can be seen.

Consequently claims 1-16 do not satisfy the requirement of unity of invention.

COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos. 1-12.
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	DE 11 72 996 B (CEPELLI ALFREDO DI GIBERTINI V) 25 June 1964 (1964-06-25) column 2, line 44 -column 3, line 79; figures 1-3	1-12
A	DE 355 014 C (SUEDEDEUTSCHE KUNSTWERKSTAETTEN) 17 June 1922 (1922-06-17) page 1, line 43 -page 2, line 22; figures 1,2	1-12
A	DE 873 225 C (MAIER KOMM GES W) 13 April 1953 (1953-04-13)	
A	DE 562 583 C (HUDSON MOTOR CAR CO) 27 October 1932 (1932-10-27)	
A	DE 21 00 128 B (SEEFLUTH UWE) 31 August 1972 (1972-08-31)	

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
DE 1172996	B	25-06-1964	NONE	
DE 355014	C	17-06-1922	NONE	
DE 873225	C	13-04-1953	NONE	
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